

**ABSTRACT**

A de-noising algorithm that obtains an estimate of a noise-free portion of a noise-containing digital signal by applying a set of  $M$  linear transforms to the noise-containing digital signal, determining  $M$  initial de-noised estimates of each digital element of the digital signal, deriving a combination of weight factors for the  $M$  initial de-noised estimates of each digital element by formulating the combination as a linear estimation problem and solving it for the individual weight factors, and formulating a final de-noised estimate of each digital element based on the corresponding  $M$  initial de-noised estimates and the combination of weight factors. The combination of weight factors is an optimal combination that is derived such that a conditional mean squared error with respect to the initial de-noised estimates is minimized. The optimal determination is further determined based on a scaling factor that removes explicit dependence to noise variance and on one of several matrices.